



PATENT APPLICATION

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In Re the Application of:

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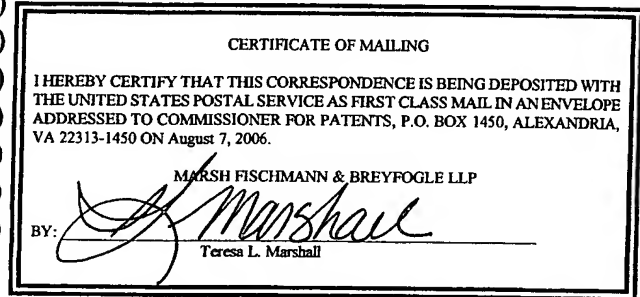
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For: "IMPLANTABLE HEARING AID
TRANSDUCER RETENTION
APPARATUS"

) Group Art Unit: 3736

) Examiner: Samuel G. Gilbert

) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**
) **AFTER FINAL REJECTION**



Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of June 8, 2006.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$175.00 as the fee for the additional claims presented herein. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for entry of this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: